

years of his life to helping those less fortunate than himself, Major W. Wheelock.

Among his many accomplishments, Major Wheelock has most recently served as the President/CEO of Crotched Mountain foundation in Greenfield, New Hampshire and has previously served as Executive Vice President/Treasurer of Franklin Pierce College. Major Wheelock retired in June of this year. As part of his tireless service to others, Major participates in the River Mead Retirement Community as a board member; the Yankee Publishing, Inc. as a board member; New Hampshire 2002 Health and Educational Facilities Authority as Board Vice Chair; and New Hampshire Hospital Association as a Board Vice Chair.

The service Major Wheelock has provided Crotched Mountain School was doubtless a devotion to those that receive an education there. Crotched Mountain School provides outstanding rehabilitative programs for students with disabilities in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. His duty and service are apparent through his love and devotion for the students at Crotched Mountain.

More than doing an exceptional job, Major Wheelock is to be commended for his service to such a worthy organization. A man of better character, I rarely meet. It is an honor and privilege representing Major Wheelock in the U.S. Senate.●

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF WILLIAM BATTERMAN RUGER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a dear friend William Ruger, one of the greatest gun designers and manufacturers in the nation.

Joining with Alexander McCormick Sturm in 1949 Ruger founded Sturm Ruger & Co., the largest firearms designer, manufacturer, and distributor in the United States. At the time Ruger's company produced more varieties of sport firearms than any other firm in the world. Turning out his first design in 1949, Ruger's pistol soon became one of America's favorite hand guns, still widely used by many gun owners today.

Ruger would soon design a light machine gun for the United States Army and would continue designing and patenting dozens of guns throughout the last 53 years. "Ruger was a true firearms genius who mastered the disciplines of inventing, designing, engineering, manufacturing and marketing better than anyone since Samuel Colt," said R.L. Wilson, a firearms historian and Ruger Biographer. "No one in the 20th century so clearly dominated the field or was so skilled at articulating the unique appeal of quality firearms for legitimate uses."

Recently as chairman emeritus Ruger oversaw the manufacturing of

high-quality rifles, shotguns, pistols, and revolvers that law enforcement and sporting enthusiasts have come to expect. Ruger kept a watchful eye on the company as it prospered, building manufacturing facilities in a number of New Hampshire's towns providing work for many.

I have found great friendship with Ruger throughout the last years of his life and continue to admire and cherish the friendship that I have with his family. He was not only a great husband and father but a great businessman, American patriot, and friend.

It was an honor representing William Ruger in the U.S. Senate and remains a distinct privilege in serving his family.●

THE MOUNT WASHINGTON HOTEL & RESORT CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF GRANDEUR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire's. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort on 100 years of New England splendor.

Located in New Hampshire's White Mountains, The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort emanates the elegance and style of a bygone era. Beginning as a dream of Joseph Strickney in 1902, this superlative of Spanish Renaissance architecture quickly became the place to hobnob with poets, presidents and princes. Serving the wealthiest of patrons, The Mount Washington was the vacation resort of choice, finding appeal by epicureans of the era.

The picturesque National Historic Landmark was once the meeting place for more than 44 nations as they discussed the creation of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in 1944. The formal signing of the Bretton Woods International Monetary Conference took place in the now historic Gold Room located off the Hotel Lobby.

Continuing the opulence and grandeur of the The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort was at the forefront as five entrepreneurs, Joel Bedor, Wayne Presby, Jere Eames, Robert Clement, and Bill Presby, rallied to purchase the property off the FDIC auction block in 1991. This would be the first time since Stickney that the property would be in the hands of New Hampshire owners.

One hundred years after the 250 master craftsmen began construction on the grand hotel of yesteryear, The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort carries on the timeless beauty and tradition of cordial service spanning the decades.

I recommend Joel Bedor, Wayne Presby, Jere Eames, Robert Clement, and Bill Presby on their commitment to preserving the glory and vintage of the early 1900's in The Mount Washington and for receiving the "Business of the Decade" award by Business New Hampshire Magazine.

It is truly an honor and privilege representing these fine men in the U.S. Senate.●

HONORING NEW HAMPSHIRE REV-ENUE COMMISSIONER STANLEY ARNOLD

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a colleague for his service to the citizens of New Hampshire, Mr. Stanley Arnold.

After 19 years of service to New Hampshire Stanley will be retiring in September 2002. His service as commissioner began in 1988 when appointed, by then Governor, John Sununu. Prior to becoming commissioner Stanley was an auditor in the Department of Revenue. Praised by Governor Jeanne Shaheen as, "Essential in difficult and complicated policy debates," . . . "Arnold has been a straight shooter through the five years that I have worked with him." Stanley has always strived to provide the best possible service to the people of the community.

Lauded as one of Governor Shaheen's most trusted advisers, Stanley increased use of technology and established a unit to focus on businesses not filing tax returns.

It is an honor to represent Mr. Stanley Arnold in the U.S. Senate.●

LAUD FOR DR. JOAN LEITZEL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding successes of a friend and colleague in the field of education, the President of the University of New Hampshire, Dr. Joan Leitzel.

As UNH's 17th President, Dr. Leitzel began her term by renovating buildings, adding a diverse program list and developing key buildings that provided needed space for classes and research. Thanks to Dr. Leitzel's work, the number of donors increased substantially to support the beloved University. Dr. Leitzel also increased enrollment for subsequent years.

A large portion of her success is attributed to her attention to the needs of New Hampshire's business by providing a quality professional workforce. By working with businesses in the area, Dr. Leitzel better prepares students for the competitive job market. Dr. Leitzel more than doubled research funding from \$43 million in 1996 to \$82 million in 2001 by making the research proposals more competitive. Greater funding from the state and forthcoming building projects help add to the University's prominence. It is so small accomplishment to steer a University to the level that has been reached under Dr. Leitzel.

I commend Dr. Joan Leitzel on receiving magna cum laude status for her leadership and for her many accomplishments that have put the University of New Hampshire on track to a successful future. I wish her all the happiness life can bring in her retirement.

It is an honor and privilege representing her in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5093. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3763) to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. NEY, Mrs. NELLY, Mr. COX, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FRANK, Mr. KANJORSKI, and Ms. WATERS:

That Mr. SHOWS is appointed in lieu of Ms. WATERS for consideration of section 11 of the House bill and section 305 of the Senate amendment, and modifications, committed to conference.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 306 and 904 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 108 and 109 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. DINGELL.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 105 and titles 8 and 9 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. CONYERS.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 109

of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MCCRERY, and Mr. RANGEL.

At 5:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5121. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 5093. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5121. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 5010: A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-213).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 293: A resolution designating the week of November 10 through November 16, 2002, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 862: A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2002 through 2006 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2395: A bill to prevent and punish counterfeiting and copyright piracy, and for other purposes.

S. 2513: A bill to assess the extent of the backlog in DNA analysis of rape kit samples, and to improve investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases with DNA evidence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2750. A bill to improve the provision of telehealth services under the medicare program, to provide grants for the development of telehealth networks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2751. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BREAU, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2752. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the establishment of medicare demonstration programs to improve health care quality; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. CARNAHAN):

S. 2753. A bill to provide for a Small and Disadvantaged Business Ombudsman for Procurement in the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2754. A bill to establish a Presidential Commission on the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2755. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the opening of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, scheduled for July 4, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2756. A bill to establish the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in the States of Vermont and New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2757. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 2758. A bill entitled "The Child Care and Development Block Grant Amendments Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. BREAU):

S. 2759. A bill to protect the health and safety of American consumers under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act from seafood contaminated by certain substances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution calling for Congress to consider and vote on a resolution for the use of force by the United States Armed Forces against Iraq before such force is deployed; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or